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DEPUTY SPEAKER : Two hon. Members of this House, Sri M. P. Subramaniam and Sri T. Irusappan are members of that new party and they have ceased to be members of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam whose strength in the House is now 12. The hon. Member, Sri S. M. Annamalai is also not a member of the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam now and is now an "Independent" Member.

V.—STATEMENT BY HON. MINISTER FOR LOCAL ADMINISTRATION *re* CORRECTION TO AN ANSWER.

THE HON. SRIMATHI LOURDHAMMAL SIMON : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, in reply to starred questions Nos. 822 (1004), 823 (1005), I gave certain particulars on 14—3—1961 about synthetic fish net twine supplied to fishermen by the Fisheries Department, and about the number of applications received for issue of import licences to fishermen during the past two years, and the number granted so far. Arising therefrom and in reply to a supplementary question by Sri A. A. Rasheed, seeking information about the receipt of grant by the State Government from the Government of India towards the supply of nylon threads. I stated that so far as these nylon threads were concerned, we had not received anything. The correct position is that the scheme for the supply of nylon nets to fishermen at subsidised rates is eligible for 50% grant for the subsidy (33–1/3%) allowed and 25% grant on the cost of staff of the scheme. Thus, the State Government is eligible for a subsidy of Rs. 39,122 towards the synthetic net (valued at Rs. 2·65 lakhs) supplied to fisherman by the Fisheries Department during 1957–58, 1958–59, 1959–60 and up to 31st October 1960.

VI.—ANNOUNCEMENTS.

(1) PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

DUPUTY SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that I have nominated under rule 14 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules the following hon. Members to be the Panel of Chairmen :—

(1) Sri N. S. Ramalingam.

(2) Sri B. K. Linga Gowder.

(3) Sri N. K. Palanisami.

(4) Sri M. Ramachandra Reddy.

(5) Srimathi T. N. Anandanayaki

(6) Sri A. Govindasamy.